

## WANDAROO MONKEYS.

They Were on the Watch and Discovered a Hungry Leopard.

"A band of Wandaroo monkeys hooted in the distance and, as their watchfulness is proverbial, we knew that there was no leopard at hand," says a writer in *Outing*. "They came nearer and nearer, and in time appeared above the cliff. One seldom has the chance of observing these animals in their native state, but as we lay entirely concealed they were ignorant of our presence. It was evidently feeding time, though some seemed to prefer basking on the heated rocks to scrambling after lichen and berries. The old men with huge white whiskers kept a sharp watch from the topmost branches of a couple of trees. The mothers with their babies, pretty little things covered with white hair, were feeding in complete security, while the unencumbered members of the troop ran about everywhere. We felt sure that sooner or later our hiding-place would be discovered, and that all our precautions were in vain, for the cry of alarm of one animal is often recognized by another of a different species. When any monkey seemed inclined to wander the sentinels uttered a deep 'Hoo-hoo-hoo!' which gathered the band closely. 'All at once one of the sentinels gave a peculiar cry, which had the effect of bringing the entire band around them. Then they listened in silence. The cry was repeated, and all bounded into the branches of the biggest trees near by. We thought we had been discovered, but when half a dozen of the patriarchs suddenly rushed down and looked over the edge of the rock, grimacing and barking at something below, we knew that our patience was to be rewarded. 'Creeping forward inch by inch, I got to the extreme edge and peeped over, and as I did so the awful height of the precipice nearly caused me to utter a cry of terror. To my left was a crevice, where rocks and other debris formed a rough means of ascent. Here, half concealed by kit-tool palms that had found foothold, was a cat-like form, standing motionless, gazing upward at the monkeys, evidently calculating the chances of a meal.

## A Throne of Thrones.

Those who have seen the *Czar* of all the Russias sitting, scepter in hand, on his great white throne agree in pronouncing the sight one of the few impressive things connected with nineteenth century royalty.

The *Czar*, being an absolute despot, cannot be said to have an official residence, for the chair of state wherever he sits is the throne of Russia. But in the palace of Petersburg, there is an apartment in which his Imperial Majesty's advisers assemble on such occasions as it suits him to call them together officially.

It is an immense marble hall, with an inclosure at one end vaguely suggestive of a cathedral altar. On a dais, formed by an elevation of some steps, stands the throne itself.

The very few to whom dread of *Nihilists* has not denied access to the royal personage in state, pronounce the chair a triumph in ivory and gold and costly woods. The jewels glittering all over it would alone enrich a state, on the authority of Gortschakoff himself. The roof and four heavy pillars, representing, at their extremities, bears' claws. The arms seem great tusks, gnarled and twisted like the roots of a centenarian oak.

The back is fantastically elaborate, the rampant eagle, if the king of birds, may be said ever to assume a favorite armorial pose of the king of beasts, flaring conspicuously in gold and silver.

The only cushion is the plenitude of ermine, which, when the royal despot seats himself, gives to the air of snow image. The ornaments in which the Russian throne figures are largely religious, the *Czar* being head of both church and state, and it is not strange, therefore, that this mere chair has become an object almost of veneration in the land of the Romanoffs.

*Cody's Biography Written Abroad.*  
The following sketch of Buffalo Bill is credited to an English paper by the Savannah News:

"The cablegrams announce that Colonel Cody, who will be well remembered in London, has returned as Mayor of Nebraska. No better selection could be made. Colonel Cody was a friend of a man named Boon, who discovered Kentucky in 1800. After marrying the granddaughter of a distinguished gentleman named Sisting Bull Frog, Cody was twice Governor of Chicago, and at one time was made Mayor of the Arkansas Legislature. He also served in the Confederate army under Ben Butler, who so gallantly defended New Orleans against General Longstreet. The province of Detroit rewarded him for his military service by sending him to Congress, where he introduced a bill for the relief of the citizens of Buffalo. It was in this that he got his name of 'Buffalo Bill.' While Mr. Cody has a large ranch in St. Louis, he finds time for literature, and writes for the *Atlantic Monthly*, a newspaper edited by Mark Twain and Uncle Thomas Cabin, a gentleman who made fame by his negro dialect sketches."

*Insulted.*  
Recently in Paris a person who is classed as a poet was sent to prison for an assault with intent to commit murder; and his case recalls that of another poet, Chapon by name, who about the middle of the present century ended his days in prison for theft. Chapon was, indeed, an inveterate thief, and was apprehended more than once.

At the prison of Ste Pelagie, during his incarceration, Chapon once met Felix Pyat, revolutionist and communist, who was generally in prison for some political offence. As political prisoners were generally sent to Ste Pelagie, and as Chapon was a somewhat pretentious and well educated person, Pyat supposed that he, too, had been sentenced for some revolutionary attempt. So, stepping up to him, he extended both his hands and said, with a friendly smile: "We, sir, political offenders."

"I beg your pardon, citizen," said Chapon, straightening up and looking down very coldly on Pyat. "I'm in for stealing, if you please!"

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